

St. Louis Downtown Airport

The St. Louis Downtown Airport is an enterprise of Bi-State Development (BSD)—a dynamic and multi-faceted resource for economic development in the St. Louis region. With expertise in planning and implementation, Bi-State Development provides real solutions to regional challenges with efficiency and accountability. With more than six decades of experience building jobs and initiating economic development, BSD continues to transform the St. Louis region for the better.

Airport Administration

Erick Dahl, Airport Director

Erick Dahl is the Director of the St. Louis Downtown Airport and brings more than 15 years of airport operations experience to the region. Prior to joining our airport staff, he was the Airport Manager for the Watertown Regional Airport in South Dakota, where he was tasked with day-to-day operations, as well as long-range planning. Erick also served as an Operations Specialist at St. Joseph County Airport Authority in South Bend, Indiana.

Mike Mavrogeorge, Fire Chief & Emergency Management Director

Chief Mavrogeorge has served as both a volunteer and career firefighter, as well as a law enforcement officer over the course of his 20+ year career. Among Mike's many accomplishments are achievement of Illinois Chief Fire Officer IV certification and the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program (EFO). Chief Mavrogeorge serves on the Executive Board of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and the Board of Directors of the International Association of Fire Chiefs', among several other committees. He has served as the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director of KCPS since 2008.

History

1929: In The Beginning

The beginning of St. Louis Downtown Airport's intricate history consists of name changes, assistance from pioneering airmen of the region, and implementing the structural roots of what is now a leading airfield.

The 1930's: Oliver Parks Enters the Scene

With help from aviation pioneers including Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, and a young pilot named Oliver Parks, St. Louis Downtown Airport gains national prominence as a centrally located air field and center for aviation education.

The 1940s: A Name Change to Curtiss-Parks Airport

The airport continues its way through a revolving door of names while the Parks College of Aviation grows, bringing added popularity to the already burgeoning airport.

The 1950s: A Period of Decline

Financial strain causes the airport to close, though an eventual demand for increased regional air service offers a new opportunity for the downtown airport.

1965: The Rebirth & Bi-State Development

A new era arrives as Bi-State Development acquires the dormant airport, reopening it as the Bi-State Parks Airport in 1965 as runway expansions begin.

The '80s: Embracing "Downtown"

The St. Louis Downtown Airport name is officially adopted in 1984 to better emphasize the airport's quick and easy accessibility to downtown St. Louis—a quality that is unmatched by any other airport in the St. Louis region.

The New Millennium

A new century brings new opportunities to KCPS in the form of expanded and renovated runways and taxiways, more jobs, and increased professional quality service.

An Era of Expansion

The St. Louis Downtown Airport continues to meet the new millennium with positive change as its administrative and maintenance offices and runways all experience significant expansion.

Air Traffic Control and Continued Growth

The growth of KCPS continues with the addition of a state-of-the-art air traffic control tower, an increase in airport jobs, and continuously growing numbers of tenants and onsite businesses.

Recognition and Renovation

KCPS is again recognized for its superior services as its runways continue to expand, a state-of-the-art airport fire station is built, and plans for marketing the airport's expansive real estate opportunities pave the way for a bright future.

Bi-State Development

St. Louis Downtown Airport is an enterprise of Bi-State Development. BSD is a dynamic and multi-faceted resource for economic development in the St. Louis region. With expertise in planning and implementation, Bi-State Development provides real solutions to regional challenges with efficiency and accountability. With more than six decades of experience

building jobs and initiating economic development, BSD continues to transform the St. Louis region for the better.

Confidential
garvinm@stlouis-mo.gov
2020-01-15 16:10:42 +0000